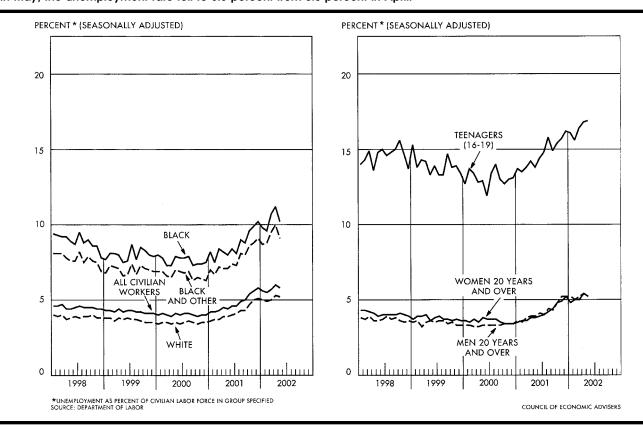
SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

In May, the unemployment rate fell to 5.8 percent from 6.0 percent in April.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted]

		Unemployment rate (percent of civilian labor force in group)											
Period		All civilian workers	By sex and age			By race			By selected groups				
			Men 20 years and over	Women 20 years and over	Both sexes 16–19 years	White	Black and other	Black	Experienced wage and salary workers	Married men, spouse present	Women who maintain families	Full-time workers ¹	Part-time workers ¹
		7.5	7.1	6.3	20.1	6.6	12.7	14.2	7.2	5.1	10.0	7.5	7.5
		6.9	6.4	5.9	19.0	6.1	11.7	13.0	6.6	4.4	9.7	6.9	7.2
1994^{2}		6.1	5.4	5.4	17.6	5.3	10.5	11.5	5.9	3.7	8.9	6.1	6.0
		5.6	4.8	4.9	17.3	4.9	9.6	10.4	5.4	3.3	8.0	5.5	6.0
		5.4	4.6	4.8	16.7	4.7	9.3	10.5	5.2	3.0	8.2	5.3	5.8
		4.9	4.2	4.4	16.0	4.2	8.8	10.0	4.7	2.7	8.1	4.8	5.5
		4.5	3.7	4.1	14.6	3.9	7.8	8.9	4.3	2.4	7.2	4.3	5.3
		4.2	3.5	3.8	13.9	3.7	7.0	8.0	4.0	2.2	6.4	4.1	5.0
		4.0	3.3	3.6	13.1	3.5	6.7	7.6	3.9	2.0	5.9	3.9	4.8
2001		4.8	4.2	4.1	14.7	4.2	7.7	8.7	4.6	2.7	6.6	4.7	5.1
2001:	May	4.4	3.9	3.8	13.8	3.9	7.1	8.0	4.3	2.6	6.2	4.3	4.8
	June	4.6	4.1	3.9	14.4	4.0	7.4	8.4	4.5	2.6	6.3	4.5	5.2
	July	4.6	4.0	4.0	14.8	4.1	7.3	8.1	4.5	2.7	6.3	4.5	5.1
	Aug	4.9	4.4	4.2	15.8	4.3	8.1	9.0	4.8	2.8	6.8	4.8	5.4
	Sept	5.0	4.3	4.4	14.9	4.3	8.0	8.8	4.8	2.8	7.1	5.0	4.6
	Oct	5.4	4.8	4.8	15.4	4.7	8.6	9.6	5.3	3.1	6.8	5.4	5.5
	Nov	5.6	5.2	4.9	15.7	5.0	8.8	9.9	5.5	3.3	8.0	5.6	5.6
	Dec	5.8	5.2	5.2	16.2	5.1	9.1	10.2	5.7	3.4	8.0	5.8	5.6
2002:	Jan	5.6	5.2	4.8	16.1	5.0	8.7	9.8	5.5	3.5	7.9	5.7	5.2
	Feb	5.5	5.0	5.0	15.6	4.9	8.8	9.6	5.5	3.4	8.0	5.7	4.8
	Mar	5.7	5.2	5.0	16.4	5.0	9.5	10.7	5.7	3.4	7.3	5.8	5.2
	Apr	6.0	5.4	5.4	16.8	5.3	10.0	11.2	5.9	3.9	8.6	6.2	5.2
	May	5.8	5.2	5.2	16.9	5.2	9.1	10.2	5.8	3.6	8.1	5.9	5.6

Note.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

 $^{^1}$ Revised definition; for details, see <code>Employment</code> and <code>Earnings</code>, February 1994. 2 Data beginning January 1994 are not directly comparable with data for earlier periods.